

VETERAN OFFICER
DIES IN POVERTYSouthern Chieftain Expires
in Bowery Hotel.

WHEELER'S AID DE CAMP

Former Comrades Will Conduct
Funeral Services.In Lonely Little Room Col. Marcellus
Pointer, of Twelfth Alabama Cavalry,
Distinguished for Bravery, Is
Found Dead—Letters Commending
Gallantry Reveals His History—Re-
buked by His Daughter.New York, July 10.—One of the bravest
and most distinguished officers of the
Confederacy passed away in a lonely lit-
tle room in the old Atlantic Hotel, at
Oliver street and New Bowery, to-day
when Col. Marcellus Pointer, of Holly
Springs, Miss., broken and without means,
died. Beside his bed were packets of
letters from men prominent over the
country stating in unmeasured terms
their appreciation of his services and gal-
lantry.Dr. George Wilson, who knew him best,
said to-day:
"I guess he died partially of a broken
heart and pride. He was too proud to
beg."

Identified at Morgue.

A summons came to the coroner's office
stating that a Col. Pointer had died at
the Atlantic Hotel without medical as-
sistance. It was not until the body had
been sent to the morgue that the packet
of letters was opened, and it was found
that Col. Marcellus Pointer, colonel of
the Twelfth Alabama Cavalry and aide-
camp to Gen. Joe Wheeler, had passed
away in the old Bowery hotel.He had been known there on and off
for the past twenty years, but had al-
ways kept to himself and seemed a proud
old man, who shunned all society.Col. Pointer was the son of Dr. David
Pointer, of Holly Springs, Miss. At little
more than seventeen years of age he en-
tered the service of the Confederacy and
came under the command of Gen. Wheeler.
It is from many letters written by Gen.
Wheeler found in the packet that Col.
Pointer's history is now known.When the body was found by a porter
there was also found 9 cents in cash
and pawn tickets on various Bowery
pawn shops. A medal given Col. Pointer
by the Confederacy for distinguished gal-
lantry was the last article he ever
wore, and it is now in a pawnshop
where it was placed for \$3.Among his effects was also found a
letter from a daughter, Sadie Pointer, now
in Ardmore, Okla., upbraiding him for not
writing often and asking for financial
assistance. It is thought this last letter,
this appeal from a daughter he was un-
able to help, hastened his death.The body will be taken care of by the
Confederate Veterans' Camp here under
the direction of its commander, Col. Ed-
ward R. Owen, and will be given burial
in the Federal plot in Mount Hope Cem-
tery.

Letters from Gen. Wheeler.

Among the many letters found was one
from Gen. Joe Wheeler to Dr. David
Pointer. The letter was written at the
Confederate cavalry camp at Knoxville,
Tenn., on October 20, 1862, and read as
follows:Dear Doctor:
You will not doubt be surprised at receiving a
letter from me. The reason for my writing is to
inform you that your son, who is on my staff,
has been seriously though not dangerously wounded
in an engagement with the enemy on the 10th inst.
at Little Rock, Castle Co., S. D.The bearing of your son from the time he en-
tered the service with me is deserving of the
highest commendation. His gallantry throughout
the Kentucky campaign is beyond all praise. He is
well worthy of you, sir; for by his courage
and daring he has won the admiration of all. In
a few days he will be up.You need not give yourself any needless con-
cerning him. His comfort will be my constant study
and everything done that can be to fit him for the
high military position his qualifications so richly
deserve. He signals distinguished himself at
Murfreesboro and Perryville. In the early stages
he was behind none and he has rendered the
cause efficient service.With my kindest regards to yourself and family,
I am, doctor, your obedient servant.

JOE WHEELER.

Brig. Gen. and Chief of Cavalry.

Forty years after this letter was writ-
ten by Gen. Wheeler his estimate of Col.
Pointer had not changed, for during the
Spanish-American war Col. Pointer sought
to be appointed a brigadier general by
President McKinley.

Urged His Appointment.

Gen. Wheeler wrote to the President
urging his appointment, and among other
things said:"I do not hesitate to say that I knew
no one during the war who exhibited more
brilliant and determined courage in battle
than he. I saw him in a hundred en-
gagements, and he was always the same
cool, intrepid, and determined officer."In the same year Gen. Wheeler, in writ-
ing to Gen. Estrada said of Col. Pointer:
"I do not exaggerate when I say he was
by far the most distinguished and valuable
officer of his grade that I knew in the
service."Gen. Wheeler undoubtedly owed his
freedom, if not his life, to Col. Pointer
during the war, and among the doctor's
effects was found an old clipping, printed
by permission, from a letter of Gen.
Wheeler to a friend in Dallas, Tex.,
where Col. Pointer lived for more than
twenty-five years.As Gen. Wheeler tells the story in his
own words, the clipping is as follows:

Clipping Tells Story.

"During the campaign near Marvilleville
on October 15, 1865, in a dash we cap-
tured Maj. Graham and most of his com-
mand. After the capture two Union cav-
alrymen got away, and Pointer, Lieut.
Kelly, and myself went after them. We
pursued them for some distance, with
Pointer in the lead, until we came to a

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WEATHER FORECAST

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Maryland, and Virginia—Fair
to-day and to-morrow; moderate
southerly winds.

THREE KILLED IN WRECK.

Elks' Train Collides with Freight
Cars in Colorado.Grand Junction, Colo., July 10.—A pas-
senger train bearing the Twin City Elks
collided with an east-bound freight train
to-day at White House, sixty miles west
of here. Three trainmen were killed and
three injured. All the passengers escaped
injury, as the heavy coaches did not leave
the tracks.The dead are Henry Held, passenger
engineer; E. F. Helms, brakeman, and
John Vaughan, brakeman. All three are
from Grand Junction. The injured are
Engineer A. M. Houston, Fireman Tem-
ple, and Head Brakeman Burke.The passenger train left here at 10:15
o'clock last night. The freight train went
out early this morning and returned this
afternoon, bearing the dead and injured.
The injured men are in a serious con-
dition. Traffic was delayed for fifteen
hours.CONFEREES AGREE
UPON MINOR POINTSChemical, Earths, and Earth-
ware Disposed Of.

CORPORATION TAX TROUBLES

Fight in Conference, It Is Believed,
Will Be Over This Feature of
Tariff Bill—Probable Tax Rate Will
Be Reduced to 1 Per Cent—May Re-
write Corporation Tax Amendment.The Republican members of the joint
tariff conference of the Senate and House
got down to work in earnest yesterday,
and were able to make considerable pro-
gress.When they adjourned after 6 o'clock
yesterday evening they had disposed of
many points of disagreement, nearly all,
however, of a minor character. Proceed-
ing along the course adopted when the
tariff bill was before the Senate of fol-
lowing the line of least resistance, the
conference passed over every Senate amend-
ment which promised to lead to any pro-
longed discussion, reserving these amend-
ments for consideration after the first
perusal of the bill had been completed.Schedules Agreed Upon.
Beginning with the chemical schedule,
the first in the bill, the conferees went
through it in a hurry, agreeing to all the
items in dispute which could be disposed
of quickly. Then the earths and earth-
ware schedule was disposed of, and when
the committee adjourned it had gone
about half way through the metal sched-
ule.The Senate conferees wanted to have a
session last night and another session
to-day, but Chairman Payne, of the
House conference committee, objected,
and an adjournment was taken until
Monday morning.According to all accounts, the best of
feeling prevailed among the conferees,
and they proceeded with their work
with the idea gained ground that the main
differences between the two Houses will
be adjusted without prolonged contro-
versy.

Not Far Apart.

After the conference members of both
Houses who are serving on the conference
committee declared that a popular mis-
apprehension had grown up as to the
harmony of most of the points of differ-
ence between the upper and the lower
legislative branches. It was asserted that
the changes made by the Senate had not
in many instances been as radical as
people pretty generally had supposed,
and that these differences were not nearly
as far apart as those which had ex-
isted between the two Houses when the
tariff was revised in previous years. In
their meeting to-day the conferees after
reaching an end of their labors in a
comparatively short space of time.

Corporation Tax May Be Changed.

Of course, some of the points of
disagreement are of serious char-
acter and are bound to require much
negotiation to adjust. While there was
talk yesterday that the House conferees
might insist on the retention of the in-
heritance tax provision of the House bill
and the elimination of the corporation tax
amendment to the House conference, the
chances are not favorable to action of
view of the fact that the corporation tax
was adopted with the concurrence of the
Republican leaders of the House, includ-
ing Speaker Cannon, and with the approval
of President Taft.But from what was said at the Capitol
it is probable that the corporation tax
amendment will be changed in several
important particulars before it is ac-
ceptable to the House conferees. The
Senate conferees also are not unmoved
of the proposition as it now exists, and
doubtless will meet the House conferees
half way in their desire to make modifi-
cations.In the first place, there is a strong
feeling that the rate of taxation im-
posed by the Senate amendment on the
net incomes of corporations should be
reduced from 2 to 1 per cent. The
2 per cent. rate is estimated to will
produce annually revenue amounting to
nearly or fully \$50,000,000, which is
much more than is necessary to meet
any possible deficit in the Treasury
during the first year or two of the new
law. It is asserted even by those
who are pessimistic as to its initial
revenue producing qualities, will bring
enough income to meet all expenses of
the government.Senators and Representatives who
have looked into the matter seem to be
satisfied that \$20,000,000 or \$25,000,000.

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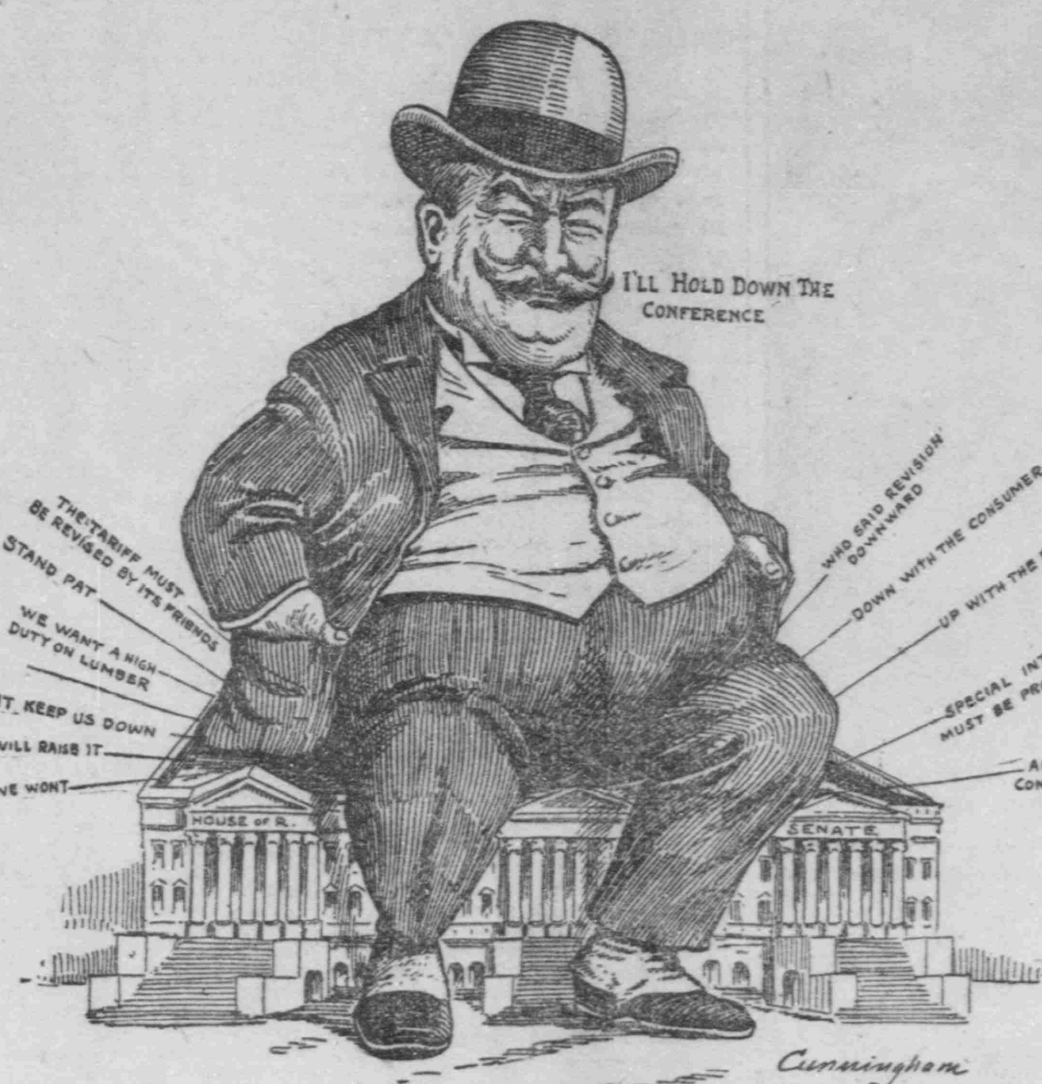
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ON THE LID.



HOPES TO FIND NORTH POLE

Eskimo Boy Brought Here by Peary
Returns Home.Says His Race Will Have Honor of
Discovery—Angry at Ameri-
cans' Treatment.New York, July 10.—"I am going to
lead my people to the north pole. I do
not believe Mr. Peary will ever find it."These were the last words from Mene
Wallace, a young Eskimo who was
brought here by Commander Peary
twenty-two years ago, and who started to-day
on a long journey to his Greenland home.
Mene said he expected to find the north
pole with his people long before Com-
mander Peary gets there with the Arctic
expedition.Mene's wanderings and vicissitudes of
fortune have attracted much attention
and excited considerable sympathy in
this city, where he attended the Man-
hattan College up to several months ago.
Mene was adopted by William Wallace,
an Americanized name of Mene Wallace.William Wallace, Jr., and Chester D.
Beveridge, faithful friends of the young
Eskimo, were at the pier of the Red
Cross Line to-day when Mene departed
for St. Johns, Newfoundland, on the
steamship Rosalind.From St. Johns he will go north on a
schooner which will carry coal and pro-
visions to Peary in the far Arctic.The only thing they have done for
me," said Mene bitterly, "after bringing
me here years ago, when I was a boy, is
to let me return home on my schooner.
If I meet Mr. Peary in the north—and I
expect to—I shall pay no attention to him
whatever. I am glad to get back to my
people."Mene carries north with him a com-
plete set of dentist's devices and also a
surgical set, with which he says he will
practice.

TROOPS OVERAWHE STRIKERS.

Coal Workers Are Quiet, and Com-
pany Claims Victory.Glacé Bay, Nova Scotia, July 10.—With
the presence of federal soldiers overawing
the striking miners of the Dominion Coal
Company, who are out here to obtain
recognition of the union, to-day, the fifth
day of the strike, was as quiet as though
no labor war was on. Except for the
usual current of bitter feeling, the whole
district was quiet, and the company
claimed that already many miners were
returning to work. This appears plausi-
ble, as shaft No. 3, which has hitherto
been closed, was again worked to-day.The first sentence resulting from the
strike was imposed upon Mrs. Francis
McDonald to-day, when she was convicted
of disorderly conduct and sentenced to
thirty days in jail, unless a fine of \$30
was paid. She paid the fine, however,
under protest of the United Mine Work-
ers' Association.

CALLS DEMOCRATS TO ARMS.

Bryan Urges Immediate Action on
Income Tax Amendment.Lincoln, Neb., July 10.—Mr. Bryan
looks upon the income tax amendment as
an indication of the Democratic position
and wants immediate action taken. In a
statement to-night he says:"Democratic governors in States have
during the bicentenary celebration of
Peter the Great's victory over the
Swedes.
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the old town to accommodate the pa-
triotic delegations from all parts of
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where the evolutions of the forces under
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CLERICALS WIN THE DAY.

Unite with Conservatives and Down
Vote of Buclow.Berlin, July 10.—The Conservative and
Clerical majority in the Reichstag to-day
obtained the third and final reading of
the budget, which provides for \$125,000,000
in new taxes. Chancellor von Buclow was
not present.

BEVERIDGE HAS FAITH.

Indiana Senator Believes Conferees
Will Do Right Thing.Indianapolis, Ind., July 10.—Senator
Beveridge reached here to-day and in
an interview predicted that when the
tariff bill comes out of conference, it will
be a much more satisfactory measure
than it was when it left the Senate.He believes that, in effect, the rates
will be much more satisfactory to those
who have desired revision downward.
When it was suggested that the con-
ference were to work on the bill
were for the most part men who were
opposed to revision downward, the Sen-
ator did not change his prediction.

WETS CARRY CANTON.

Sweep Stark County and Retain 252
Saloons.Canton, Ohio, July 10.—By a majority of
4,500, Stark County voted to-day to retain
its 252 saloons and five breweries in an
election under the Rose county option
law. Canton, the biggest city, returned
a majority of 2,800; Massillon a wet ma-
jority of 1,754, while Alliance went dry
by 179 majority.

MOTHER ENDS LIFE.

Detected Mailing Anonymous Letters
Woman Commits Suicide.St. Louis, July 10.—Mrs. Carrie
Schewe, forty-one years old, wife of
William Schewe, a wealthy realty dealer,
killed her three children good-by, told
them not to follow her for a half hour,
went into the basement of the Schewe
home, and hanged herself to-day.Federal postal inspectors yesterday had
informed her husband that she had been
mailing anonymous letters to him and
their women neighbors, accusing them
of flirting. Schewe had complained to
the postal authorities, not knowing that
his wife was the author of the letters.

CYCLONE KILLS THREE.

Family Wiped Out and Home De-
molished in Texas.Dallas, Tex., July 10.—W. B. Dowell,
his wife, and ten-year-old daughter were
killed, and another daughter aged four-
teen years fatally hurt in a cyclone
which demolished their home three miles
southwest of Hemeleigh, in the Texas
Panhandle, last night.Not a stick was left standing of the
small frame house which was the home
of Dowell and his family.

RUSSIAN VICTORY OBSERVED.

Czar Surrounded by Large Royal
Retinue at Paltava.St. Petersburg, July 10.—Not since the
Czar inaugurated the Imperial Duma,
more than three years ago, has his
majesty been attended by so many mem-
bers of his family and ruling person-
ages of the empire as at Paltava to-day
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Prof. Simon Newcomb
Died at Early Hour
This Morning.Prof. Simon Newcomb, who has been
fatally ill for several weeks, died at 2
o'clock this morning at his residence,
1620 P street.

THAW CONFIDENT OF RELEASE.

Stanford White's Slayer Hopes for
Freedom in Week.White Plains, N. Y., July 10.—"In a
week I shall be free and happy," de-
clared Harry Thaw from his cell in jail
here to-night. The slayer of Stanford
White is confident he will be declared
sane by Justice Mills and ordered re-
leased from Matteawan.If Justice Mills declares Thaw to be
sane, there will be no other alternative
than to set him free.BAND OF ITALIANS
HELD FOR FRAUDBelieved to Be International
Counterfeiters.

DETECTIVE LIVED WITH THEM

Secret Service Operative Worked
with Suspects for Four Years and
Finally Was Shown Bogus Bills.
At Least Fifty Thousand Dollars
Said to Have Been Circulated.Chicago, July 10.—United States Secret
Service Operative Lawrence Richey to-
night ran down the alleged members of
a band of international counterfeiters,
who are said to have operated in the
United States, Italy, and other countries
for five years.In doing so Richey performed exploits
worthy of the heroes of detective fiction.
An American by birth, he learned Ital-
ian in order to ingratiate himself with
the counterfeiters. He began to associ-
ate with them as a fellow-criminal four
years ago. In order to deceive them
better he engaged in hard labor as a
street digger, although known as the
Beau Brummel of the department.Scores of times he slept among des-
perate Italian criminals, any one of
whom would have killed him at the
slightest hint of his real identity.
The prisoners whose characters brought
to light the feats of the detective are:
Antonio Di Paloto, Antonio Mecca, and
Mrs. Magdalena Contral Ricci. Domi-
nick Ricci, the woman's husband, is in
Italy, and the police there have been
asked to arrest him.

KEPT BILLS IN MATTRESS.

Paloto was arrested in Mrs. Ricci's
rooms by Richey and Secret Service Op-
erative Peter Draughtsberg, who had also
assumed the role of an Italian criminal.
Paloto showed the men a package of his
counterfeit bills, which he took out of a
mattress. He was overpowered after a
pistol fight.Mecca was arrested at Argo, Ill.,
where, it is said, he circulated bad money
among workmen.The prisoners were bound over to the
Federal grand jury. Before effecting the
capture of the prisoner, Richey repeated-
ly brought counterfeit \$5 bills of the
"Indian head" issue of 1904 to his su-
perior officer, Capt. Porter. He reported
that Ricci and his wife were in Italy,
sending money to this country to Paloto,
who was passing it throughout the United
States.The bills first made their appearance
five years ago. They are a fine imitation,
and only an expert can detect them.
Richey traced them to Ricci. The de-
tective made a dozen unsuccessful at-
tempts to gain the confidence of Ricci's
associates, and then decided to learn
their language. He adopted the garb of
an Italian immigrant, went to sea in a
tug to meet an incoming vessel, and ar-
rived in New York with other immi-
grants. At the dock he became acquaint-
ed with Italians who knew one of Ricci's
intimates.

LIVED DOUBLE LIFE.

For the last four years he has lived
alternately among the Italians and in his
official capacity at headquarters, and has
successfully avoided exposure. He pre-
vented two murders by warning the po-
lice of Black Hand plots anonymously
over the telephone. He deferred making
the arrests until the alleged counterfeiters
permitted evidence to be seized in their
house, and then brought his long quest to
an end.Richey was told by his Italian com-
panions that Ricci is one of a gang of
counterfeiters and a Black Hand brigand
in Italy. Naples is said to be the head
of one of the counterfeiting organizations,
from where the notes are shipped to the
United States. Through it the money is
said to be circulated.
It is declared that at least \$50,000 in
spurious bills has been put in circula-
tion in this country by the gang.